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HIV CASES
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether 65% of the prostitutes in Mumbai were found to be HIV positive in 1994 as mentioned in the NACO publication, "country-scenario 1994";

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the number of deaths among the infected prostitutes as on date, year-wise and also the number of prostitutes living with AIDS out 65%?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (SMT. PANABAKA LAKSHMI)

(a) to (c) A sample survey carried out in 1994 indicated that the prevalence rate was 52% in a group of brothel based female sex workers in Mumbai. Tracking of clients found HIV positive is not carried out and information on deaths across those found positive is not available.